



VISIT SITE OF THE GARDEN OF EDEN

Trenton, Mo., June 29.—The following is a clipping from the North Missouriian of Gallatin. It shows the feeling of the people in that part of the country so well known by the Latter-day Saints, and their great interest in it, as well as all of the traveling elders.

Mr. Britton, who wrote the article, is one of the leading men of the town and a first class attorney and he met all of the elders he mentions, and got acquainted with them and he saw the first he had had the privilege of meeting in 18 years.

Mr. Britton has also in his care three or four sets of the papers made out for the arrest of the Prophet Joseph Smith and other leading elders in 1838-9, as well as the disposition of them, (the cases).

We all read the "News" with a great deal of interest and are thankful that such a man is now existing among us from which to obtain the current events of the world.

JOHN A. CROSBY,
Eagar, Arizona.

ADAM-ONDI-AHMAN.

Rollin J. Britton Accompanies Mormon Elders to Historic Mound.

It has been the proud boast of many a resident of Gallatin and of Davies county, that this vicinity was originally the Garden of Eden, and some references have always been made to the Garden of Eden, and the fact that it was the Garden of Eden.

But all of this is wrong—Gallatin nor Davies county was never within the confines of the Garden of Eden. The Prophet Joseph Smith never so declared, and Adam-ondi-Ahman, the place to which all true Mormons come, is not the "grave of Father Adam."

It is strange how much of error creeps into the minds of those who prefer rumor to knowledge. Knowledge requires investigation and effort makes us tired.

But knowledge is always worth all it costs and the facts in this case are, that the region now known as Jackson county, Mo., was once within the confines of the Garden of Eden. That when Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden of Eden, they came to that part of the beautiful valley of Grand river now known as the environs of Gallatin and dwelt. (It strikes the average Missourian as a better place anyway.)

And sometimes prior to his death, perhaps it was only a short time, Adam, the progenitor of the human race, gathered his family around him—on that beautiful hilltop, now three and a half miles northwest of the town of Gallatin, where, overlooking that wonderful valley and the river down below, he erected an altar, offered sacrifice and blessed his family, and the name of the place was Adam-ondi-Ahman.

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was a soldier in the Mexican service, proved very interesting. Photographer W. F. Shultz went to "Adam-ondi-Ahman" and made numerous pictures for them. The photographer and his picture looks up in a prominent way amidst the others. He shall certainly be known hereafter, not as "Junior" but as "Elder" Brosius.

NORTHERN STATES MISSION NOTES

Chicago, Ill., July 3.—Pres. Charles Broadbent sends the following from a letter to the Chicago Evening News: "We had a fine day and a large crowd of people were on the banks of Lake Michigan at 2 o'clock, the appointed time for the opening of the mission. We held an excellent meeting with these people and feel that much good will result from the same. The crowd in general was respectful and attentive and we were able to make them feel that we were there only to create confusion and break up the meeting. There, as we expected, were disturbing spirits to some extent, though they were not in the majority. We assembled that they went away without having accomplished their purpose and we hope that even they received some good seeds that will eventually give growth. We were very well attended. W. L. Jensen officiated in the baptism of the following named ten persons: Perry Harry Tucker, Emma Tucker, Harvey Dewey, William Sanders, Lyle Mayer, Edna A. Mayer, Eva Aida Mayer, Emma A. Mayer, Verlie Mae Mayer, Zella Belle Mayer. All were confirmed members of the church. The elders here are well and feel that success is crowning their efforts."

Ira A. Pace of the Eastern Iowa conference writes: Monday June 22, company A, left the town of Guttenberg, situated on the banks of the Mississippi, to wend their way to McGregor, there to hold conference the following Saturday and Sunday. News of the coming of the company was spread before the people of that city. Before changing our appointments Elder Green made a personal visit to the city. He found that over 100 people were gathered at the place where we were to hold our conference. As it was impossible to hold our meetings here, Monona, a beautiful railroad and farming town, was selected as the place of meeting. There well attended and quiet street meetings were held. We are sorry to part with our conference president, P. A. Hansen, who has been released to return home. We rejoice in meeting his successor, Elder A. Woodruff. The East Iowa elders will all meet in Decorah and celebrate the Fourth there."

RELEASES.

The following elders have been released to return to their homes: Hyrum M. Smith, released to return to his home in Michigan; released, of Michigan conference, Ashael R. Woodruff, released to return to his home in Michigan; released, of Michigan conference, Ashael R. Woodruff, released to return to his home in Michigan.

On Monday, June 22, 1908, had you been at the sacred hill, you would have heard the voices of seventeen Mormon elders uplifted in sacred song. They were:

Conference President George V. Harris of Salem, Idaho, and Elders James S. Crane, of Draper, Utah; Joseph B. Bailey, of Summit, Utah; Herdell J. Bartholomew, of St. George, Utah; David S. Berry, of Cedar Fork, Utah; Alma Williams, of Emery, Utah; J. T. Brown, of Thatcher, Arizona; John A. Crosby, of Eagar, Arizona; John W. McDonald, of Oneida, Utah; S. R. Bennion, of Vernal, Utah; Fred H. Campbell, of Weston, Idaho; B. P. Bingham, of Cornish, Utah; John A. Robinson, of Salt Lake City, Utah; H. H. Hance, of Hyde Park, Utah; T. Roy Jackson, of Ayon, Utah; Amos Wood, of Spanish Fork, Utah; Moses P. Moffit, of Smoot, Wyoming.

And while they sang of "Adam-ondi-Ahman" you would have been carried away by the fervor and faith to the time when the Prophet Joseph Smith trod that ground—the world at war with him and his little band of faithful followers. And the fact would have dawned upon you that since the time of the prophet, more than a million souls have believed on him and every one of that vast army have believed.

That Jesus is the Christ.

That faith must be followed by repentance.

And that repentance must be followed by obedience to the commandments of God.

They have also believed that baptism by immersion is essential to salvation.

And they have also believed:

"That in the spring of the year of our Lord, 1820, the Father and the Son appeared to Joseph Smith in a glorious vision, called him by name and instructed him."

Thereafter heavenly angels visited him and revealed the principles of the gospel, restored the authority of the high priesthood, and the organization of the Church of Jesus Christ in its fullness and perfection.

The engraved plates of the Book of Mormon were given to him by the Angel Moroni. These he translated by the gift and power of God.

He organized the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, on the 6th day of April, 1830, with six members.

He devoted his life to the establishment of the church and sealed his testimony with his blood.

The 17 elders here last Monday were an interesting lot of earnest young men—serving the Master with the zeal of their faith. Missionaries without compensation; paying their own expenses and devoting at least two years of their lives each to the good of their cause.

They were much interested in the historic things that belong to their Church here and enjoyed an afternoon with Mr. S. P. Cox, the only man now living here who dates back to the Mormon times in Grand River valley, and whose tales of meeting with the thousands of Mormons who crossed the plains to Utah in 1846, when the major

among the Europeans, and Elders John W. Pugh and Charles F. Nielson laboring among the Maoris. There are a number of European saints in this district and also many who are investigating our doctrines. And in regard to the Maoris, we have some very good saints among them and others, who are commencing to see some light in our faith. The Maoris as a rule are a very hospitable people, and are nearly always kind to the elders, always welcoming them to their homes with a Haere mai, Haere mai (Maori greeting). We find it hard at times to get them to drop or do away with their old traditions which have been taught them by their ancestors, and handed down for generations, probably from the time of their departure from the American continent. We have some very strange history from the lips of the Maori chiefs. For example we are told by them that one of their great ancestors by the name of Maui, fished large whales out of the sea as a great fish. The southern end of the Wairarapa district is believed by them to be the mouth of the great monster. But many of them are commencing to lay aside such belief, and are seeking to profit by serving God and following our teachings. We believe by the earnest efforts of the elders and the help of the Lord that the Maori race will soon become a bright and an enlightened people. We have the knowledge of the elders of this mission are all well, and united in spreading the gospel to this people.

ELDER CHARLES F. NIELSON.

DAVIS STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the Davis stake was held in the Clearfield ward on Saturday and Sunday, June 27 and 28. The attendance was very good.

On Saturday morning, Elder John Henry Smith of the council of twelve apostles on both days and Elder Seymour B. Young of the first council of seventy on Sunday, presided over the conference.

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GROUP OF YOUNG ELDERS

At the Recent Conference in Zurich.

Penrose of the European mission, who was expected to be present, was unavoidably detained, but sent greetings to all. President Ballif requested that the elders set aside during this entire conference every foreign thought, and that each of them be called, should give a brief report of his labors and express his feelings concerning his mission, also his views as to the best method of bringing the gospel before the people of those lands.

Besides the expressions given, a number of very interesting items were reported by each one, of which the following is a synopsis:

Elder Truesdell reported that he had met considerable opposition from ministers, which, however, resulted in a much greater inquiry concerning the gospel and several baptisms. He also reported that he had met the hands of a mob by the power of God.

Elder H. B. Whitney spoke of the success he has had in selling the Book of Mormon, by placing same in a book store, and the success of his public meetings.

Elder Symon Hugentobler stated, that the greatest success he had attained was by the saints giving the elders introductions to their friends and thus opening many doors for them.

Elder Jos. Baer, who is laboring in Luzern, a place of interest for tourists, finds it difficult to bring the gospel to those people, as most of them care more for pleasure and are very indifferent as to religion.

Elder W. F. Corbitt said that he found it profitable to place our literature as much as possible into the hands of the people, that he had made special efforts to bring the Book of Mormon and our tracts to ministers.

He recommended the publication of a new Sabbath school song book with music.

Elder E. L. Roberts also gave his views concerning the spreading of the gospel. He also suggested that a new set of tracts be published, and that the people be encouraged to read them.

A committee was appointed, to find out the needs of the people, and to prepare tracts and other literature to fill the present demands and to issue the same, this committee being Elders Roberts, Ballif, Wells, Parsons and Seutiker.

The following day, Sunday, three well attended meetings were held, and the elders had a splendid opportunity to explain the gospel to many strangers.

will give a concert July 15, Preston Richards was chosen teacher of the theology class of the Chicago branch, succeeding J. M. Mills who is in Utah for the present.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES.

The elders and sister named below have recently returned from the following missions:

July 7.—Joseph Mickelson of Draper, Salt Lake City, from the Scandinavian mission; set apart April 4, 1908.

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NOTES FROM CHICAGO BRANCH

Chicago, July 7.—Artist Hafen is still in Chicago. He intends leaving for New York in about 10 days. Mr. Hafen is receiving recognition from the artists of Chicago, and his exhibition at Marshall Field's has been visited by a great many people.

The national educational school of music began its summer term July 6. This is financed by the Ginn Book company. The teachers are selected from the best schools of the United States.

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